

## **Guidance for Submitting Comments on the Draft 2012, 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters for New Hampshire**

### **Introduction:**

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### **Documents for Public Review and Comment:**

The results of the draft 2012 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters is available for review and comment on the DES website at

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/swqa/index.htm>. The assessment methodology used to develop this list (i.e., the 2012 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology) is also available for review on this website

- The draft 303(d) list is available in two forms:
  - A PDF file of all 303(d) impaired waters sorted by Assessment Unit ID
  - An EXCEL file which may be downloaded and then sorted and filtered as desired.

### **Comment Requirements:**

DES encourages submission of all comments. However to be considered for changes to the final 2012 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, the data or information must:

- Clearly identify the surface water(s) and geographic extent of concern
- Explicitly describe evidence for support or impairment of designated use(s)
- Include documentation of quality assurance methods used in the collection, analysis and reporting of data

Comments must be received by DES by 4 pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

### **How to Submit Comments:**

Comments and submissions during the public comment period must be in written form to provide an accurate record of your concerns. Comments will not be accepted by phone. Written comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to the appropriate address shown below.

By mail: 2012, 303(d) Comments  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Watershed Management Bureau  
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95  
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095  
Attention: Ken Edwardson

By e-mail: [303dcomment@des.state.nh.us](mailto:303dcomment@des.state.nh.us)

By fax: (603) 271-7894

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The comment period for the draft 2012 303(d) has been extended. Comments must be received by DES by 4 pm on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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